

Citizens Can Help Reduce Solid Waste Disposal Costs

The most costly and environmentally complex issues for municipal governments are waste collection and disposal. Waste collection and disposal costs increase significantly every year due to environmental regulations governing landfill construction, and operational costs. The City currently provides 4 (four) solid waste disposal services (Residential waste, brush, debris, and seasonal leaf collection.)

Environmental regulations that govern disposal require that residential waste be collected and disposed of at a municipal landfill. Residential waste is made up of materials generated inside your home, placed in the 96-gallon blue container, and collected by the semi or automated garbage trucks. General debris, such as furniture, appliances, is disposed of at a demolition landfill. Brush and shrub trimmings are disposed of at a chipping facility, and leaves at a composting facility.

To provide a perspective on the annual tonnage of materials collected and disposal cost per ton for each solid waste service, the following is provided.

Disposal cost per ton	
Residential Waste Blue containers	\$29.75
Debris (furniture, appliances, etc.)	\$16.50
Brush	\$13.00
Leaf Collection	\$13.00

Separating waste into the appropriate disposal service can reduce the cost of solid waste disposal. The disposal cost of leaves and brush trimmings are \$13.00 per ton. If leaves and brush trimmings are placed in the 96 gallon container, the disposal cost is \$29.75 per ton, or 2.2 times the rate of leaf disposal. One bag of leaves placed in the blue container does not seem significant. However with 4600 blue containers, a significant disposal cost occurs. The citizens of Red Bank can assist in the control of disposal costs by properly separating materials.

Thank you!

The City of Red Bank Public Works Department